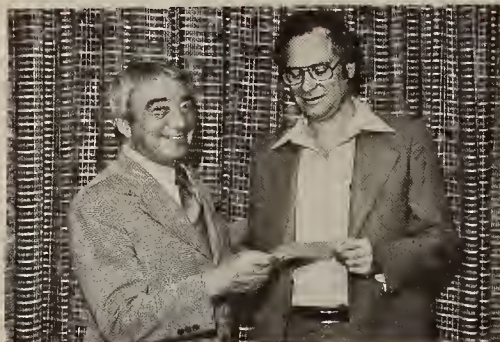


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Dave Polowin Raises \$1,835. for Walkathon

For the second year in a row Dave Polowin has emerged as the leading producer of our Annual United Jewish Appeal Walkathon. As a result of his efforts, \$1,835. was received in contributions from his sponsors. Mr. Polowin is shown here presenting a cheque for that amount to U.J.A. General Chairman Alfred Friedman.

"Kovod Fund" Established by the Endowment and Bequest Foundation

Bernard Shinder, president of the Ottawa Jewish Community Endowment and Bequest Foundation has announced the formation of a "Kovod Fund" which will enable individuals to subscribe to the general educational, religious and charitable purposes for which the Foundation was established.

The Kovod Fund was created in response to many requests from people who asked for a way to honour individuals for happy occasions of their lives and to pay tribute to the memory of others

who have passed on. The answer was a general fund, (as distinguished from the fifteen segregated funds bearing the names of individuals) which would gladly accept contributions of any amount, including Israeli Bonds. An attractive card will be sent to the person honoured or to the family of the deceased, advising them of the contribution. Amounts will not be specified.

In addition, names of donors and the purpose for which the contribution has been made will be published from time to time in this

Bulletin unless people prefer otherwise.

One of the most attractive features of the Kovod Fund is that all contributions will be retained as capital and only the income generated from the investment of the funds will be spent for charitable purposes each year. The Foundation is a registered Canadian charity and all donations which it receives are income tax exempt.

To make a contribution, please call the Endowment Offices at 232-7306.



Congratulations and best wishes are extended to David Golden, President of Telesat Canada on being named an Officer of the Order of Canada by the Governor General.

Bequest to U.J.A. Campaign

The General Chairman and Campaign Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa acknowledges with warm appreciation receipt of a cheque for \$1,000. in payment of a bequest contained in the last Will and Testament of the late Mr. Carl Greenman of Ottawa.

Shinder Named Foundation Head

Bernard Shinder, former legal counsel of the Ottawa Jewish Community Endowment and Bequest Foundation, has taken over as president following his election at the Annual Meeting on July 7, 1977. He succeeds to the post held by Gilbert Greenberg, the founding president, who has served in that capacity since the Foundation was incorporated in mid-1973.

Mr. Shinder's involvement with the Foundation dates from 1972 when initiatives taken notably by Gilbert Greenberg and him, led to its formal establishment. He was responsible for the legal work of incorporation and other areas, the documentation required to make the various segregated funds operative and the planning for the Money Management Seminar for Women held last year. An original and creative thinker, Mr. Shinder's expertise has been recognized by his appointment as chairman of the Professional Advisors Committee of the Canadian Conference for



Bernard Shinder

Endowment Fund Development created by the Jewish communities of Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Hamilton and Windsor in June.

Officers who will serve with Mr. Shinder for the 1977-78 season are David Loeb, Vice-President;

Martin K. Levinson, Treasurer; Maurice W. Wright, Q.C., Secretary; Mrs. Sonia Kizell, Honorary Secretary; David Gavsie, Legal Counsel; and Gilbert Greenberg, Immediate Past President.

The Ottawa Jewish Community Endowment and Bequest Foundation is managed by a Board of Directors of twelve. They serve staggered three-year terms to provide continuity. The listing of the full Board follows:

Retiring in 1978: Mrs. Bessie Greenberg, Martin K. Levinson, Laz Mirsky, Norman Mirsky and Maurice Wright.

Retiring in 1979: Benes Cantor, Harry Goldstein, Mrs. Sonia Kizell and Dr. Edward Wolstein.

Retiring in 1980: David Loeb, Sol Shabinsky and Bernard Shinder.

Casey Swedlove is executive director and Hy Hochberg, executive vice-president of the Vaad is the administrative liaison officer.

Bulletin to Implement Wider Coverage

In September of 1976, the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review became a bi-weekly publication. Prior to that it appeared only in advance of Jewish holidays and on special occasions. There have been twenty two issues since that time which have been generally well received.

In an effort to broaden its coverage and make the paper more responsive to reader interest, for the coming year, the Editorial Committee intends to introduce several new features including youth news, social notes, letters to the editor and commentaries on current issues, among others.

Anyone who can write, or who is willing to undertake specific assignments is invited to contact Gaye Applebaum at 232-7306. These are voluntary positions; budget restrictions preclude the engagement of paid staff at the present time.

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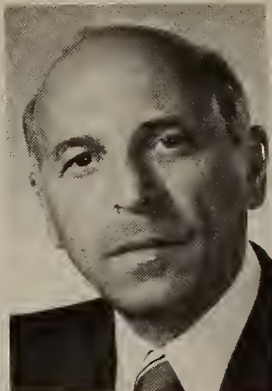
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Vaad Report

by Gilbert Greenberg

President, Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir
(Jewish Community Council)

*Excerpts from Mr. Greenberg's remarks
on assuming the presidency at the Annual
General Meeting on June 27, 1977*



Ladies and Gentlemen:

David, thank you for your leadership, for the pleasure of working with you, for your understanding of the obligation you had as leader of our Jewish Community and how you represented us to the various agencies and individuals who make up our Jewish and non-Jewish community. So many things have you handled these past two years that I, who have served with you cannot list them all. But I, who have seen you in action and know of your devotion to the position, say you did a good job and with all the pressures, you remained a gentleman, David, on behalf of our community, it is my pleasure to present you with this plaque. It reads as follows:

Presented to David Loeb for distinguished leadership as President of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir, Jewish Community Council of Ottawa, June 25, 1975, 16 Tammuz, 5735 - June 27, 1977 — 11 Tammuz, 5737.

"He who occupies himself with the needs of the Community merits the blessings of the Almighty and the tribute of the whole House of Israel"

—The Siddur

Joyce, I realize the difficulties you had trying to arrange your personal schedule to fit David's obligations. We cannot fully express our thanks. This bouquet is our way of trying to say "thank you". Perhaps you will press one and file it in your private collection and forever remind yourself of the role you have played in helping David. Please accept it with our compliments and best wishes.

New Meeting Format

Until now, I have not fully appreciated the role of Vaad President. As I thought of tonight these past few weeks, I could not help but wonder how we, as a mature community, place such small importance on the election of a new board or lay leaders and on the thanks it gives to an outgoing board. To correct this, I propose to ask this year's board to take steps that next year we establish a new format.

I would like to see a formal evening wherein the community will properly install their new

officers and where the outgoing board will be formally thanked. Do you know how few friends of mine didn't know that tonight was the Vaad Election and Annual Meeting, not only close friends, but leaders of our community. This we must change and hopefully next year, our annual meeting will be the start of what will become the highlight of our community's social event — black tie and all.

Continuing Effort

There are many parts of our communal work that require a continuing effort to keep them functional. There will be many new facets added, by the demands of the time. You have read and heard tonight and now know of the various established committees and branches that make our community function. These will demand attention and they will receive the attention of your new board, but there is one more item that I want to discuss with you tonight—one that will shape our community for decades to come.

While I was in Israel, knowing that the nominating chairman would phone me, I thought about what I could do as Chairman of the Vaad that others might not be able to do? Why should I give up some of my freedom; to accomplish what? And as these thoughts whirled through my subconscious mind, on the afternoon of May 5, walking the beautiful beach of Netanya, I realized I had a role to play and that is to see that a proper day school is available to suit our communal needs.

We Are One Body

I have no quarrel with the afternoon schools operated by the Talmud Torah, the Temple and the Modern Jewish School which meet for four to six hours per week. With so little time available for instruction, no one can rightly expect them to provide more than a minimum Jewish education.

I feel that Israel and the Jewish Community of Ottawa is one body. We help that arm called Israel and Israel helps an arm called Ottawa. Looking at the priorities of needs in Israel and co-relating them to the priorities in Ottawa, I would say that if there was a community of 8,000 people in any location in Israel that had an all-day school

facilities as poor as ours, they, the Israelis would build a proper school facility.

Although our day school provides the most comprehensive Jewish education, I admit that I am not happy about several things in the present set up. And since I feel it is necessary to provide the maximum facilities for the optimum number of children, I repeat, that we must build a proper school facility.

A school is not just a building, a structure of bricks and mortar. A school is where students learn. I want to expose the largest numbers of our children to their Jewish heritage. I worry about the fact that there are only 250 children in the existing Hillel Day School program when there should be 500. I worry about the drop-out of children in the upper grades. I worry whether there are any residual benefits after the expenditure of all that time and money. I worry about the slow learner whom we cannot retain because the student is not able to cope with the workload of two languages. I worry about how many more will fall by the wayside when the curriculum calls for a third language.

Why does Hillel have only 20 per cent of the eligible elementary school children when we should have 40 or 50 per cent? Is it the cost, the facilities, the program or perhaps a combination of all three? Is it because the average parent sees Hillel Academy as an "orthodox" school which teaches practices which are out of step with their personal observance in the home? Must the language of instruction be Ivrit b'Ivrit? Is it possible to stream option courses? Why can't those who are more traditional in outlook get maximum exposure while those who may have difficulty with Hebrew, take the subjects, where possible, in English? Isn't the purpose of education the transmission of culture from generation to generation? If that is indeed so, then does the language of instruction really matter so long as it is understood and retained?

Knowledge is Strength

Last week I attended the University of Toronto convocation when my son Roger graduated. 85-year-old Professor Lowther gave

the convocation address. He said something that afternoon which has stayed with me and I quote: I can't see how one can be a good Canadian without having a knowledge of Canadian history". I say: "How can one be a good Jew without a knowledge of Jewish history?"

If you accept this hypothesis, it follows that the function of a communally-supported school is to make the learning of that history and tradition available to the largest numbers in the way it is most readily understood and retained.

Wants Best School

Let me assure you that I am not preaching upheaval or a departure from tradition. On the contrary, what I want is the best school in North America for our children—one that can be a model for every other community to follow. I want a school in which every child will feel comfortable and inspired. I want a curriculum which will not only teach about Jewish heroes of the past but also Jewish heroes of the present. I want one school building which can be properly supervised and efficiently managed. I want the maximum number of children to become informed and educated Jews. Then and then only, will such catch phrases as "assuring Jewish survival and Jewish continuity" assume real meaning.

I want our children who want to learn Talmud, Rashi and Chumash, to receive this knowledge, in Hebrew for those who can, but for those who can't cope with a dual language program, why can't they learn some of this in English. We can teach Hebrew as a speaking language. Many people go to Ulpanim for six months and become fluent in speaking Hebrew, but few could take academic instruction in Hebrew; so why can't our school accommodate a student who cannot keep up with his Hebrew academic subjects but does well in English?

As it stands, a child cannot come into the system after Grade 3 if he did not start with the system. Why can't we improve on this?

I believe we want a school system that will allow a Temple member's child, a Gilbert Greenberg's child, a Baruch

Diena's child to attend a school under one roof, where they will know they all are Jews, yet where each child can be taught subjects in the manner their parents want. I believe we can create a system which will attract children and parents; where there will be a waiting list for enrolment. I believe we can create a school that will be a model for all the diaspora to see. A school where only the best teachers will be accepted. We will be swamped by teacher applications, because good teachers want to teach in good schools!

All these and many more aspects I want to bring into our school system, as plus factors. I want children with an Orthodox background, with a Conservative background and with a Temple background all to meet under one roof, with a choice of subjects that will satisfy all.

Looking Ahead

Perhaps I am demanding a utopian situation but I believe it is possible and to this end, Rabbi Bulka has consented to chair a committee to see if such an educational structure is possible.

I will be asking the Talmud Torah Board to appoint a building committee to tell us what they feel they need, with room for expansion, and this expansion should include the possibility of Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. Also, I will ask the Talmud Torah Board to look for a site and at all possible existing school buildings that the local school boards might have as surplus to their needs.

To accomplish this, please recall that earlier on I said we must treat Ottawa and Israel as one body. I will, therefore, ask our Budget and Allocations Committee to allocate sufficient funds (about two million dollars) to pay for this school over a period of two years from the date that all the questions are answered in the affirmative from our U.J.A. campaign.

I too realize this is not a black and white problem. Compromises by all people will be necessary. But the underlying object is that if we don't educate our future generations, our local community will suffer and even more so, in the long term, our partner Israel will suffer.

Open Dialogue

I could continue with specific details but not now. This will be discussed at Vaad meetings and reported back to you. But I am also prepared to meet with any group of people to answer questions, in your home, in my home or wherever. I don't, though, want to meet on an individual basis, only because I haven't got the time nor strength. But if 10-12 of you want to discuss this with me, just phone me.

The non-Jewish world expects a Jew to know something about his religion. So few of us pass the test. My hope is that the new school I visualize will equip the next generation with the kind of education which will make them more knowledgeable Jews.

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Correction

In the July 29 issue of the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and Review, Talmud Torah honoree Jacob Gordon's name inadvertently appeared as John, through a printer's error. We apologize for this error.

Volunteers Needed

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Auner Makes Plea to Ottawa Leaders

Need Increased Bonds Support for Israeli Economic Autonomy

An in-depth portrait of Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin was sketched by Yehuda Avner, adviser to the new Prime Minister at the Pacesetters Luncheon of State of Israel Bonds on August 2 at Machzikei Hadas Congregation.

Mr. Avner, adviser on Diaspora affairs to the Prime Minister remained in North America following Mr. Begin's visit and on his instructions, to report to about a dozen Jewish communities on the Begin-Carter talks. Mr. Avner visited Ottawa and Toronto before returning to Israel. Israeli officials have said that the Avner mission indicates the importance the Begin government attaches to the American Jewish community and the desire to have American and Canadian Jews feel directly involved in the critical issues facing Israel.

While in New York, Menachem Begin addressed more than 2000 leaders of the American and Canadian Jewish community, at a dinner of Tribute sponsored by the Israel Bond Organization.

He urged the Jews of North America to provide continued united support for Israel in its quest for peace and economic independence. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Begin expressed his appreciation for the \$13.5 million in State of Israel Bonds sold in under 35 minutes at the dinner. He urged the members of the audience to join the Prime Minister's club, an honour society consisting of men and women who make outstanding contributions to Israel's economic development through the purchase of \$25,000 or more in Israel Bonds every year.

Mr. Begin asserted at the dinner that "This Government stands for free private initiative as the instrument to build a country. We want to live on our own toil. We are grateful for any assistance but we dream, we strive for the day we can live on our own toil. So come and invest. We shall remove ob-



Yehuda Avner, adviser to Israel Prime Minister Menachem Begin, addressing Pacesetters Luncheon of State of Israel Bonds of Ottawa.

stacles of bureaucracy. We shall give security to investment so all of us together can build up the country."

Describing Mr. Begin as a complete Jew, Mr. Avner pointed up the very close personal rapport that was established between the Prime Minister and President Carter during their mid-July conferences as well as the deep understanding and appreciation of Israel's position in peace negotiations that was evidenced by the President. He related many instances during the conferences that revealed the strength and negotiating abilities of Mr. Begin including the display of visual aids that deeply affected the President.

The President was moved by Mr. Begin's reference to the lessons of the Holocaust. The Premier had

made the point to the President that placing civilian settlements within range of artillery fire might make Israel vulnerable to the greatest tragedy of the Holocaust — the inability of men to defend their wives and children. The President had evinced a deep response to that appeal, Mr. Begin reported.

Mr. Avner, who was introduced by Stella Torontow, Women's Division Chairman of Israel Bonds, stressed the importance of Israel Bonds in the development of the country and urged greater support for the expansion of its export productivity.

Apart from the conferences with President Carter, Mr. Avner reported on the meetings that Prime Minister Begin held with leading rabbis and Jewish community leaders and the resounding affirmation of confidence and support that was evident.

The Pacesetters Luncheon of State of Israel Bonds Organization, ably chaired by Alan Abelson, marked the inauguration of the 1977 campaign to raise investment dollars for Israel's economic progress through the sale of Israel Bonds. Moshe Feig, General Chairman of the Ottawa Israel Bond Organization, welcomed the audience and introduced the Chairman, Mr. Abelson.

Gilbert Greenberg, President of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir extended greetings on behalf of the Vaad to Mr. Avner and the audience, as did Moshe Ofer, Councillor of the Israel Embassy on behalf of the State of Israel. Rabbi Mordecai Berger of Young Israel of Ottawa, delivered the invocation and led the assemblage in the benediction.

Following Mr. Avner's address, Ben Karp, Vice Chairman of the Ottawa Israel Bond Organization, urged the audience to indicate their support for Israel's economy by announcing their commitments to purchase Israel Bonds.

Egypt Gives Full Military Honours to 19 Israeli Dead

Jerusalem Post Staff

Nineteen bodies of Israel soldiers killed during the Yom Kippur War were repatriated to Israel last week in the Sinal buffer zone between Israel and Egypt, the military spokesman announced. The exchange at the El Kirba Station was conducted through the offices of the International Red Cross and the UN.

As the coffins were unloaded from a military truck and carried by Egyptian soldiers in battle fatigues past an Egyptian honour guard to the Israel side, a small band beat a drum roll. Each of the wooden caskets was freshly painted and bore an insignia in Arabic. A typical one read, "Here lies an Israel soldier found in an Israel uniform south of Mido on the Suez Canal." Indicating where the body was found was a gesture to aid in identifying the body.

IDF Chief Chaplain Gad Navon read excerpts from the Psalms and the IDF soldiers draped the coffins with the national flag. At a military ceremony that ensued, Defence Minister Ezer Weizman said: "We hope that these will be the last to die in Israel's wars. This may be possible, judging by the present signs and gestures for bringing peace between Israel and her neighbours closer."

It was clear from the two busloads of journalists brought at Egyptian government expense to witness the ceremony, that President Anwar Sadat wanted Egypt's good intentions to be clear for all to see.

After the ceremony, the bodies were taken to the Abu Kabir pathological laboratory for identification.

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Over 400 persons attended the 28th Annual Graduation Exercises of the Ottawa Talmud Torah Board in the Main Sanctuary of the Beth Shalom Synagogue on June 22. Thirty-six students participated in the Closing Exercises which were highlighted by the presence of the Ambassador of Israel, His Excellency Mordechai Shalev. The Ambassador reminded the students that he himself was a graduate of a Day School in New York City. Other speakers included Rabbi Yaacov Kaploun, Estelle Gunner, Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum, Rabbi Saul Aranov, Rabbi Mordecai Berger, John Gorry, Aviva Freedman and Carl Rosen.

This year three scholarships were presented to students who will be continuing their Jewish education in schools of higher learning. The Moses Loeb Memorial Scholarship was presented to Bernard Good, The Abraham Shaffer Memorial Scholarship to Jeffrey Snyder, and the Dina and Jacob Polowin Memorial Scholarship to Jeffrey Silver. Two travel scholarships were awarded to students who have graduated from the Hillel Afternoon Hebrew High School. The Mayer and Rose Landau Travel Scholarship to Ilisa Rivers and the Abe Cohen Memorial Travel Scholarship to Beverley Taller.

Diplomas and gifts were presented to the Hillel Afternoon Hebrew High School students by Rabbi David Wadler and Mrs. Gilbert (Bess) Greenberg. The Afternoon Hebrew School diplomas and school gift were presented by Ruth Levitan, Chairman of the Afternoon School Committee.

This year the Thomas Sachs Chumashim which are presented to all graduates of the Hillel Academy and the Afternoon Hebrew School were presented by Thomas Sachs.

The Ottawa Talmud Torah Board Afternoon Hebrew School Presentations in the following areas were presented to: General Achievement to Tammy Dieks by Werner Bauer; Hebrew Language to Tal Gilboa by Werner Bauer; History to Neil Gunner by Werner Bauer; Chumash to Sharon Brodo

by Cantor David Aptowitz; Dinim to Neil Gunner by Cantor David Aptowitz.

The Valedictorian in the Afternoon Hebrew School was Tammy Dieks who was introduced by Estelle Gunner, Supervisor of the Afternoon Hebrew School.

The Hillel Academy and School gifts were presented by Henry Molot and members of the Hillel Academy staff presented the following P.T.A. Prizes: Hebrew Language and Literature to Penny Torontow by Rachel Berdugo; Tanach to Brian Kimmel by Zvi Gross; Machshevet Yisrael to Jeffrey Snyder by Shalom Ben Zakai; Mathematics to Steven Kahansky by Gloria Sobb; Science to Mary-Joy Klein by Gloria Sobb; French to Cheryl Bronstein by Rabbi Yaacov Kaploun; English Language and Literature to Karen Ages by Elaine Wolfish; Social Studies to Steven Kahansky by Elaine Wolfish; Most Industrious Student to Beverley Moskovic by Elaine Wolfish.

Penny Torontow, the Hebrew Valedictorian of Hillel Academy was introduced by Aviva Freedman and Steven Kahansky, the General Studies Valedictorian was introduced by John Gorry.

The Outstanding Achievement Awards were presented by Issie Landau to Sharon Brodo in the Afternoon Hebrew School, the Hebrew Studies Outstanding Achievement Award to Mona Taylor and the General Studies Outstanding Achievement Award to Steven Kahansky.

The Best All Round Student Award was presented to Mona Taylor by Cally Kardash.

Mrs. Kardash and Dr. Roger Keen presented the Ottawa Talmud Torah Board with a cheque of funds raised recently by the P.T.A.

The opening and closing prayers were recited by Leslie Aaron and Steven Cohen in the Afternoon Hebrew School and Shira Steinberg and Elinor Shapiro of the Hillel Academy.

Cantor M Kraus, Cantor of the Beth Shalom Synagogue accompanied by Werner Bauer at the organ led the participants of the singing of the National Anthems.

Praise Achievements of 23 Hillel Academy Day School Graduates



Hillel Academy Day School graduates are, from left to right: Top Row: Karen Ages, Cheryl Bronstein, Howard Burack, Ian Cantor, Susan English, Brian Gencher, Middle Row: Steven Kahansky, Brian Kimmel, Mary-Joy Klein, Michael Landau, David Lazear, Wendy Melamud; Third Row: Beverley Moskovic, Josie Pollock, Elinor Shapiro, David Silver, Jeffrey Snyder, Shira Steinberg; Bottom Row: Mona Taylor, Penny Torontow, Joel Weinstein, and Elaine Zelikovitz. Not shown: Ehud Ben Zakai.

Notify Boards of Holidays

The Ministry of Education for the Province of Ontario has circulated a notice to all Boards of Education in the province, a list of all Jewish holidays for the coming school year, 1977-78, where Jewish children throughout the world are unable to attend regular school classes if they follow traditional Jewish practice. The list was provided by Rabbi Yaacov Kaploun, to the Ministry.

It is hoped that all boards will take these dates into consideration when planning examinations, school outings and events which will not exclude the observant Jewish child.

Rosh Hashanah — September 13 and 14. Yom Kippur — September 22. Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah — September 27 and 28 — October 4 and 5. Passover — April 28, 1978. Shavuot — June 12, 1978.

The Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review will now include a regular column of personal and social notes. We will publish any notices of births, engagements, marriages, anniversaries or deaths if they are sent to 151 Chapel Street, in writing, two weeks prior to publication date.

Fashion Show Opens Season for Sinai Chapter Sept 8

The Sinai Chapter of Ottawa Hadassah WIZO presents its Annual Fashion Show "Fashions on the Loose" with fashions from The Room, Simpsons on Sparks Street Mall, on Thursday, September 8. The show, convened by Sarah Marcovitch and Fay

Shulman will take place at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue, 2310 Virginia Drive, and it starts at 8:00 p.m.

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Talmud Torah Afternoon Hebrew School Salutes 10 1977 Graduates



The Talmud Torah Afternoon Hebrew School graduates for 1977 are: left to right: Top Row: Leslie Aaron, Bernard Abtan, Sharon Brodo, Steven Cohen, Tammy Dieks; Bottom Row: Tal Gliboa, Nell Gunner, Marla Steinberg, Nancy Stoller, and Colin Zides.

Bubby — The Story of the Late Leah Rivers

as told by her grandson Ian Cantor

Ian Cantor is one of the 1977 Hillel Academy graduates. His essay is one of many written on the subject "My Roots". Rabbi Aranov utilized portions of the essay in his eulogy to the late Leah Rivers.

Leah Rivers was born in January of 1889 in Mankifka, U.S.S.R. At age two and one half years her mother died, and Leah went to live with her grandparents. She lived there until she was thirteen and her father, Shimon, called for Leah to move back and live with him and his wife, Elka, whom he had married six months after Leah's mother died. Her father was very rich so instead of going to school, Leah had a man come to her father's house to tutor her. She was taught to read and write Russian. Around the house she helped a lot. Her father owned a mill so Leah had to carry heavy sacks of wheat and flour to and from the mill.

One day upon waking up a surprise awaited her, she was to be going on a trip for two months. Berditcher was the city where her mother's sister had lived and she went there for the vacation. She came home looking even more beautiful than when she left, all tanned and with new clothes. A few weeks later the matchmaker knocked on Leah's door.

COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE

Back in the old country when a young man saw a girl he liked, he would send the matchmaker to her house. Jacob Rivers did the same.

Jacob was also living in Mankifka where he saw her first. He set the matchmaker out after her and one year later they were married in the same city. So Leah Keller became Leah Rivers. One year after their marriage in 1908, their first daughter was born, Elinor was the name given to her. Consecutively two years after that and so on three more children came, Thelma, Eileen and Albert. So at her mid-twenties, Leah already had four children.

At this time Jacob was running a grocery store in Russia and the World War broke out. Jacob was called by the Russian army to fight. He was not willing to go, for during the Russian-Japanese war he was a prisoner for a year in Japan. To evade having the same experience happen over again, Jacob ran away to Moscow. A few months later the Kaiser of Russia was overthrown and Jacob felt that it was safe for him to return to Mankifka, to his wife, four children and grocery business. It was the same when Jacob and Leah both learned about anti-Semitism.

POGROMS

The Kaiser was no longer ruler and throughout Russia there were bands of groups called Cossacks who had guns and went around to all the "rich" Jews, demanded money from them and killed them. Leah and Jacob were no exception — they too felt the scar of the pogroms.

The family knew that the pogroms would soon be at Leah's father's house (where they were staying) so they decided to break into groups because they felt that there was a bigger chance of coming to harm if they were in one group. So, Leah, her husband and four children stayed at her father's very large house. Leah slept in one bed with her four children. The soldiers came during the night and demanded money. When they were not given any, all the adults were brought outside. All the adults lined up so that the cossacks could see how many Jews they could kill with just one bullet. The first three people were murdered; Leah's sister, her fiancé, and a friend of the fiancé. The rest of the group feared being killed and ran into the field to hide from the soldiers. They hid in the field for the rest of the night and returned to Leah's father's house about five in the morning. Leah found the four children there untouched but some valuable goods were gone. Leah, with her husband and children, went from house to house searching for a place to hide. Some of the gentle friends were no longer friends as they would not hide the family. With no place to go the Rivers family (or Riber as they were known in Russia) moved from town to town until they came to Odessa.

The Rivers stayed in Odessa for three months. Then it was time to leave Russia.

LIVERPOOL VIA ROMANIA

Leah and her family were living in a town on the Napier River which borders Romania. Having no boat, they had to wait until the river froze to cross.

The river was now frozen. Four o'clock in the morning the band of six made their way across the river by foot. The Romanian soldiers would not let them through but Leah took her three daughters and sneaked by them into Romania. Jacob and his son, Albert, though were caught. Leah and her three sons kept running and running, where to they did not know. A Jew saw them and as he realized what was happening said, "Come children, G-d is with you." Leah and the girls stayed at this Jew's house. But Leah did not know where her husband and son were. She was in grief. She thought they may have been killed. Leah sent some men out to look for the two men, but the "posse" came back empty handed. For six weeks Leah waited but no word came of where they were. Finally the Napier River melted, Jacob rented a small boat and with Albert came across in the middle of the night.

They stayed in the same house for three months. They were fed there also. For six months after that Jacob went to a larger city in Romania to try to get passports for his family. He also wrote many letters to his sister living in Ottawa, Rachael. Jacob came back for his family, and they all travelled to Bucharest to get their passports. Following this they travelled eight weeks on the train going through Austria, France until they came to

Executives from 40 Communities Attend Berkeley CJF Institute

BERKELEY, CAL. — Alternate Funding Resources for Jewish Communal Services, zero base and program budgeting, and internal Federation fiscal management, were highlighted in various sessions of the 1977 CJF Intermediate Cities Executives Institute held in Berkeley (Cal.) July 10-14.

Coordinated by the Department of Field Services of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF), the Institute was attended by leaders of over 40 communities and was led by Hy Hochberg, Executive Vice-President of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa; Harold Cohen, Executive Director of the Allied Jewish Federation of Denver; and Murray Schneier, Executive Director of the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Atlantic County.

Sol Koenigsberg, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City, called on

Federation leaders to fully explore government funds, private philanthropic foundations and endowment funds as additional revenue sources. He also encouraged Federation executives to consult CJF's Washington Action Office regarding Federal funding programs available to local communities, including — but not limited to — Section 202 housing monies.

The Council of Jewish Federations is the association of central community organizations — Federations, Welfare Funds, Community Councils — serving 800 Jewish communities in North America. It aids these communities to mobilize maximum support for major overseas, national and local services involving financing, planning and operating health, welfare, cultural, educational, community relations and other programs benefiting all residents.

Antwerp, Belgium. All they had to eat was sardines and bread. They stayed in Belgium two weeks then took the boat to go to Liverpool, England where they were to catch the boat to Canada. They arrived in Liverpool on Sunday. They found out the boat to Canada leaves every second Saturday. So they had to wait in England for two weeks. From there they went to the place where the "streets are paved with gold".

CANADA

Leah was 32 when the boat set down on the docks of Quebec City. There, her whole family was welcomed and checked for disease.

They were met at the boat by Jacob's brother-in-law Edward who brought them to their house in Ottawa.

After almost four years of trying Leah, Jacob and their family had made it to the Free World.

At the house in Ottawa that night there were many people over to greet the Rivers. They stayed at the in-laws' house for 11 months just trying to get settled into the Canadian way of life. Jacob then started his first Canadian job as a peddler. He used to go around on a horse and wagon selling fruit. He had to go and knock on people's doors asking people if they wanted to buy anything. After a while Jacob felt that this was wrong. So instead of peddling around the market he had a stand on the market selling fruits and

vegetables (Clarence St) The whole family worked together to make money. Hours 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Leah went to night school twice a week to learn English. She would have to learn 140 new words a week to keep up with the course.

Their first home was on 303 Clarence Street. They moved there less than a year after they had been in Canada. From there they moved into a home over the market building. There was no plumbing at all.

It was while they lived there that they had their remaining two children. The first one (Irving) was born in the hospital in 1922. The second one, who is responsible for me, was born a few years later in their home on top of the market.

I hear stories of the hardships my grandmother Leah had to go through all her life. Through living without a mother, three wars, the depression, the pogroms, all the way up to the rats which she had to see every day in her own home. This is why I chose her to do my project on — firstly because I love her, secondly because she shows us that all the things we have should not be taken for granted.

So we must all say thank you to my Bubby Leah Rivers. For this girl who never knew her own mother, sixty more walk the earth — in Canada.



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Jewish Community Centre Spotlights

Pre-School Program in Full Swing This Fall



Lucy Barbalot is pictured in the arts and crafts room where she leads the children in songs, games and arts and crafts.



The varied climbing equipment in the gym teaches the children motor co-ordination.



Jennifer Starkman is helped along the ladder by her mother as she explores the facilities in the Bitty Gym program.



Toys and assorted crafts keep pre-schoolers interested and alert as they learn about their world.



Joshua Turner, Brynn Hoffman, Mitchell Hirschorn, Elana Pitlak and Jennifer Starkman wait on the trampoline for the music to start.

Diane Palmason, Physical Education Staff

This fall the Pre-School Program has two basic aims. First, we wish to provide the children with a variety of stimulating and enjoyable activities, both in the playroom and in the gym. The schedule will be as follows:

Ktonton — 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

This program will be held every Tuesday and Thursday, beginning October 11 for children 2 to 3½ years old. Lucy Barbalot will lead the children in games, songs, dances and art and crafts activities. Lucy requests that the

mothers of the children involved plan a rotation so that at least one is with her in the playroom each morning.

Snack-Coffee Break — 10:15 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Bitty Gym — 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Children in the Ktonton are invited to join Leslie Shier in the gym for a half-hour of organized and free gym play. Younger children may also join the Bitty Gym with their mothers. The program will include play with small equipment (balls, scoops, hoops) and the

gymnastic apparatus, including mats, beams, ladders and the trampoline.

The second aim of the program is to give mothers an opportunity to take part in Centre activities. You are invited to join the Women's Fitness class from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and then to attend the Weight Control class from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, or the Belly Dance class from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Thursdays, or both.

You will notice that the schedule indicates that the program runs from 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. The 15 minutes at the beginning and the

end of each period are to allow children time to remove or put on outerwear and for mothers to change into exercise or dance gear.

These programs will run for 10 weeks, and fee structure will be as follows:

Ktonton & Bitty Gym (2-3½)	
Member	Non-Member
Fee	Fee
1 child	\$25.00
2 children	\$45.00

Bitty Gym Only (Under 2)
1 child \$10.00 \$20.00

Are there other programs you would like the Centre to organize for you and your pre-schoolers? Would you be interested in an afternoon gym class? Please contact Diane Palmason in the Physical Education office with your comments and suggestions.



Some of the active West-End fitness class members limbering up at their classes at Agudath Israel Synagogue. From left to right: Freda Lauterman, Malca Polowin, Ethel Kerzner, Joyce Broad, Bert Victor and Queenie Cohen.

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JCC Youth Director Wolfe Takes Up Position in U.S.

Michael Wolfe, Director of Youth Activities of the Jewish Community Centre leaves Ottawa on September 1 to take up a new position as program co-ordinator for the Jewish Centres Association-Community Services Division, Eastern Area, in Los Angeles.

Mr. Wolfe joined the staff of the Ottawa Centre in September, 1975, coming here from the YM-YWHA of Montreal. He was responsible for all program activities for

children 4 to 11 and teens, 12 to 18, in addition to responsibilities he held as Director of the J.C.C. Day Camp.

Among the programs begun under his direction are a Ski School for teens and Sunday Children's Playhouse. He worked with lay people bringing BBYO in to the Centre, developed the first country site for the Day Camp, was involved in restructuring the Day Camp and took part in the formation of the first Sports Camp.



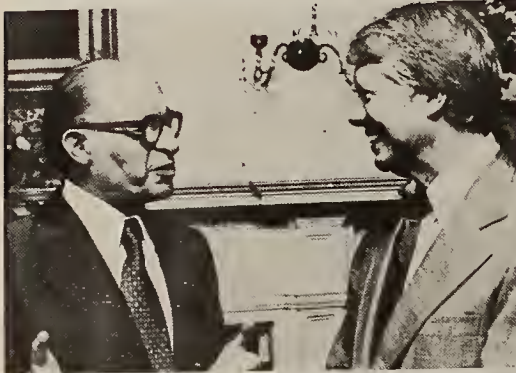
Michael Wolfe

Michael and his wife Roz leave Ottawa with the good wishes of their many friends and associates.

News Briefs from the World's Jewish Press

New York: The New York School of the Hebrew Union College recently conferred an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Dr. Gertrud Luckner, a 76 year old German Roman Catholic social worker, writer and editor, for her great humanitarianism during the Nazi era in Germany and since. Dr. Luckner, responsible for saving the lives of hundreds of Jews during the Hitler era, was director of the War Aid Office of the German Caritas Association (Catholic Welfare Organization) after the outbreak of World War II in 1939, and continued to help, and hide as many Jews as she could until her seizure by the Gestapo in 1943 and subsequent imprisonment for two years in Ravensbrueck, the women's concentration camp. The citation described Dr. Luckner as "a shining model of humankind at its exemplary best," "she truly deserves to be counted among what Jewish tradition praisingly calls 'hasidei ummot ha-olam' the pious of peoples."

Begin Praised for Handling of U.S. Visit



Menachem Begin explains something amusing to Jimmy Carter in a lighter moment of the July meetings between the American and newly elected Israeli Prime Minister.

by Yosef Goell, Jerusalem Post

Attempting an interim assessment of Prime Minister Begin's visit to Washington depends very much on one's initial assumptions.

To those who are convinced, like some Americans are, or say they are, that the "moderate" Arab leaders are at long last prepared to initiate a process that should lead to real peace with Israel, Mr. Begin's performance was nothing more than an elegant repetition of Israeli intransigence on the basic issues of the territories and the Palestinians.

To those who believe, regretfully, that Arab "moderation" is a hoax, and that there is still no sign of any Arab intention to conclude a peace with Israel, except on Arab terms, Mr. Begin's performance provided hopeful evidence that the apparent American determination to pressure Israel into making one-sided concessions could be stemmed.

The difference between the Americans and the Israelis on the two issues of territorial concessions on the West Bank and of a Palestinian entity, to which

President Carter referred obliquely, and other American officials more bluntly, have not disappeared. But Mr. Begin proved to be more than sufficiently forthcoming in regard to the Americans' short term need for the continuation of the "momentum" which is so dear to their hearts.

Perhaps the most successful aspect of Mr. Begin's visit was his ability to trigger a turnaround in Israel's image as an obstinate nay-sayer.

In the early years of this decade one of the trump cards in Israel's information deck was its ability to point to Arab intransigence as expressed in the "three noes" of Khartoum. Ever since the Kissinger reassessment of 1975, Israel has been the one who has been accused of such obstinacy, to a point at which a significant segment of American political opinion, and of the media, has become convinced that it is Israel which is putting spokes into the wheels of Middle East peace.

Some of the less felicitous expressions of the previous government did little to enhance this disturbing image. The ironic aspect of Mr. Begin's performance in Washington is that he and his party are, of course, the most obstinate of Israel's nay-sayers. He has proved nimble and flexible enough, however, to play down this side of his policies and to emphasize his "forward-looking approach" to Geneva and to alternative avenues towards peace negotiations.

It is this flexible readiness to submerge his true beliefs, a trait Mr. Begin never particularly evinced in the past, and to emphasize Israel's tactical avidity for the convening of the Geneva conference that has made it possible to conclude his visit on an upbeat note.

Pessimists in Israel expected the talks in Washington to lead to a brutal confrontation over American demands that Israel come out in public with concessions on the territorial and Palestinian issues as a prelude to Geneva, and as an essential inducement to Arab agreement to come to Geneva. This has not happened. Without knowing what transpired in the private talks between the President and the Prime Minister, it is possible to suggest that the limited lengths to which Mr. Begin has been willing to go in public have been accepted as sufficient at the present time by the Americans.

The fact that President Carter has spoken confidently of the prospect for a reconvened Geneva conference in October is not binding on the Arabs, and there might still be surprises in store for Mr. Vance on his Middle East swing. There is a feeling, however, that the onus for failing to come together in Geneva has been shifted to the Arab side.

There are indications, at the same time, that the biggest boon accruing to Mr. Begin from his visit will come on the domestic front.

The local telecasts of his address on the White House lawn and of his press conference following the talks have undoubtedly enhanced his local image as a leader of international stature. Fears that he would present Israel as a nation of wild-eyed fanatics have been put aside as unfounded.

Regardless of the continuing domestic debates on the basic issues of foreign policy, the reactions in the local press and in the street to Mr. Begin's performance have been that he acquitted himself well and represented Israel with dignity and forcefulness in difficult and fateful talks.

Metulla, Israel: A playground for the use of both Israelis and children of a few villages in southern Lebanon has been officially opened in a brief ceremony which saw Israeli, Lebanese and German participation. The playground was equipped by donations from Israeli Rotary clubs and Rotary of West Germany, with the cooperation of Metulla Town Council and the Israel Committee for Aid to Lebanon. A joint summer camping program is currently in operation. Observers are optimistic that the initial success of the limited venture will be expanded to provide a camping experience and greater communication for the children of the area, both Lebanese and Israeli, next year.

Tokyo: The eight-member Israeli karate team which was invited to participate in an international karate tournament by the Japanese Karate Federation, was excluded at the last minute as a result of pressure from six Arab states it was announced by Japanese Ambassador Ichiko Katakami, in Tel Aviv. Expressing profound regrets for the action, Katakami stressed that the Karate Federation is a non-governmental organization and that its action was in no way connected with the government.

The team marched in the opening parade even though they were officially removed from the list of participants; the Israeli flag which had been removed from the tournament site was replaced at the insistence of Israel Ambassador Shaul Ramati. The team may sue for damages and costs incurred by their trip to Tokyo and for training expenses. They were harassed and threatened non-stop by phone throughout their stay in Japan.

Geneva: The United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia a subsidiary body of the UN Economic and Social Council has set a precedent by admitting for full membership the Palestine Liberation Organization, the first non-state to achieve such membership in any UN body. Theodor Meron, Israel's Ambassador to the UN in Geneva who attended the ECOSOC meeting as an observer, condemned the act as a flagrant violation of the UN Charter and said that such an action opened "a Pandora's box to all future claimants". The vote was 27-11 with 12 abstentions, mostly from Latin American countries.

Washington: The two year's back dues of \$43 million owed by the U.S. to UNESCO have been paid the State Department recently confirmed. The dues were withheld in 1974 when UNESCO excluded Israel from any regional grouping. However, with Israel's acceptance in the European regional group of UNESCO, American concern over the discriminatory actions taken against Israel by a UN agency no longer apply. U.S. contributions total 20 per cent of the two year United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization's budget.

New York: Soviet authorities have rejected the appeal of Dr. Iosif Begun, charged with "parasitism" and recently sentenced to two years in exile. Dismissed from his work shortly after he applied to emigrate to Israel, Dr. Begun has been unable to find work at his own level of training and recent legislation prevents employers from hiring anyone below his level of competence, at labourer jobs, for example. Begun has been on a hunger strike since he was arrested and sentence was handed down a month ago. Observers state that his health is failing and he will likely be hospitalized shortly.

Chattanooga, Tenn.: Laboratory tests are being carried out to determine if the explosion which totally destroyed Chattanooga's small Orthodox synagogue was the result of a pre-meditated bombing. The Beth Shalom synagogue, which served 55 families, was completely devastated, except for the roof over the women's section and the ark, where the Torahs are kept. The explosion occurred at 8:50 p.m. on a Friday evening, after the congregants had all dispersed. There were no injuries.

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Plight of Communities Concerns Ottawa Couple

David and Toby Brooks made an extended visit to Eastern Europe, just over a year ago, focusing on many Jewish communities in the communist bloc countries (excluding the U.S.S.R.). They were touched and distressed by the lack of dignity which accompanies the demise of the remaining Jewish communities in those countries.

Recently, they contacted Rabbi Donald Gerber to see if both he and they could stimulate an interest in an evaluation of this post-Holocaust phenomenon within the Ottawa Jewish community.

To that extent, they ask that any concerned individual meet with them at the Brooks' apartment, 226 Gladstone Avenue, No. 1, on Tuesday, August 30, at 7:30 p.m. They will welcome anyone who is interested in alleviating or somehow bettering the current situation for those small Jewish communities which face extinction.

If you plan to attend please phone Rabbi Gerber at 224-1802.

Machzikei Hadas Sisterhood Opening Meeting September 6

Machzikei Hadas Sisterhood will be having its opening membership meeting on Tuesday September 6, in the lower social hall of the shul, 2310 Virginia Drive, starting at 8:00 p.m. There will be a fashion show and a surprise guest to make it an enjoyable evening for the

commencement of the Fall season.

The charge will be your membership dues and guests will be charged \$2.00. The Sisterhood welcomes any newcomers to Ottawa and hopes to see them as well as guests.

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Rosh Hashanah begins on Monday, September 12. Machzikei Hadas Sisterhood Gift Shop has a large supply of New Year cards. This year they are also selling attractive New Year postcards, there are 20 cards to a package at

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Cite Dr. Koranyi for Dedication

Dr. Edward Koranyi of Ottawa, who dropped everything and went off to Israel during the Six-Day War, has received the Ribbon of the Six-Day War and an acknowledgement of his valuable services from the Defense Ministry of Israel.

Notice of this distinction came to Dr. Koranyi in a letter from Dr. Manuel M. Glazier, National Secretary of the American Physicians Fellowship for the Israel Medical Association, which read in part as follows:

"Dear Dr. Koranyi: As representative of the Defense Ministry of Israel, it gives us great pleasure to enclose the ribbon of the Six-Day War and to acknowledge your dedication to Israel and the personal sacrifices

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Graduates of the Hebrew High School in 1977 are: Alan Greenberg, Ilsa Rivers, and Beverley Taller.

you made during the Yom Kippur War. Israel is most fortunate to have friends like you."

Israel's Entry into EEC Opens Vast Trade Market

ISRAEL'S TRADE WITH COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES



On July 1, Israel entered the European Common Market as a member of its free-trade area, with all customs barriers removed from every industrial product Israel exports to the nine countries of the European Economic Community. This represents the final stage in eliminating all duties on goods manufactured in Israel.

As a result of Israel's agreement with the Common Market, Israel will not only be able to ship its manufactured goods duty-free to the EEC, but will also continue to benefit from a protected home market since the pact allows Israel to maintain customs tariffs on imports from EEC countries for a number of years.

Israel will have to abolish its quotas on EEC industrial imports but this will be done progressively over the years until 1991, when both parties will enjoy duty free privileges on exported industrial goods. During the interim, however, Israel will be able to expand its industrial enterprises for export to realize its full potential for trade with the Common Market.

The agreement also includes a provision dealing with trade and technological cooperation aimed at developing and diversifying commerce between the parties through the abolition of non-tariff

restrictions on trade, the guarantee of Israel access to sources of information on industrial plans and government tenders, the exchange of technological know-how, the encouragement of private investments, and the promotion of industrial communication between the two sides.

Access to an Enormous Market

The free trade agreement between Israel and the EEC expands access to an enormous market of close to 300-million inhabitants of the Common Market countries. As a result, Israel hopes to improve its trade position with the EEC, which currently exports about \$2-billion per annum to Israel and imports between \$500-million to \$700-million of Israel's products.

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To benefit from the agreement, Israel must accelerate development projects geared to increased export production. In this connection, Israel Bonds have played a significant role in supporting every facet of Israel's economic expansion since 1951.

The agreement between the Common Market and Israel also provides a new means of encouraging investments in Israel by American companies which have substantial trade with Western Europe. At the present time, US exports to the member countries in the Common Market, which amount to \$6.7-billion annually, consist of items on which an import duty of up to 18 per cent must be paid. By establishing plants in Israel to produce the same products, these companies could derive considerable trade advantages by shipping their Israel-made products duty-free to the members of the Common Market.

In addition, Israel also offers American companies the benefits of highly skilled labour at a lower cost than the wage scales prevailing in Europe and other generous incentives for investment and the establishment of branch plants.

Prospects for the Future

What is Israel's future role in the EEC? Perhaps this question was best answered by Claude Cheysson, Commissioner for Mediterranean Countries of the European Common Market. At a session in Brussels of the 1976 Prime Minister's Israel Bond Conference, Mr. Cheysson stated:

"Everyone is impressed with Israel and what it has accomplished economically. One can visualize what the people of Israel, with their skills, their talents and their advanced technology, will be able to do with a gigantic market like the EEC, which is right next door and open to their exports on a permanent basis. This guarantee of free access to the EEC market is, in my opinion, of great economic importance and therefore of great political significance to Israel.

"We should not consider Israel as being apart from the rest of the world. Israel is a state. Israel is a people. Israel belongs to an important part of the world. The geographical position of Israel on the Mediterranean facing our huge European market can be a factor in the achievement of peace. The close proximity of our market increases the possibility of Israel finding peace with less dependence on the outside world and with more friendly relations with its neighbours."